

Pitzer Ranch, Reservoir
Southwest Corner of Base Line Road and Padua Avenue
City of Claremont
Los Angeles County
California

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STATE California	COUNTY Los Angeles	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Claremont
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Pitzer Ranch, Reservoir		HABS NO. CA-2267-J
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Pitzer Reservoir		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Southwest corner of Base Line Road and Padua Avenue, City of Claremont, Los Angeles County, California.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1923 (Base Line Road/Padua Avenue Environmental Assessment)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not Known
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Refer to Supplemental Page.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Lined with concrete slabs. Native fieldstone walls.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Refer to Reservoir Floor Plan.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Low walls of native fieldstone, three-to-five feet in height. The reservoir is surrounded by a chain link fence.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Concrete steps lead from the top of northwest corner of the reservoir to the bottom floor. Approximately 45 degree angle walls. The reservoir extends above and below ground level.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Unknown.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair to good. Not in use.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The HABS recordation of the Pitzer Ranch Complex was a mitigation measure for the Base Line Road/Padua Avenue Environmental Assessment to allow for the widening and improvement of Padua Avenue.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Refer to Narrative Report.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Dana C. Privitt, Sanchez Talarico Associates, Inc.		DATE August 17, 1987

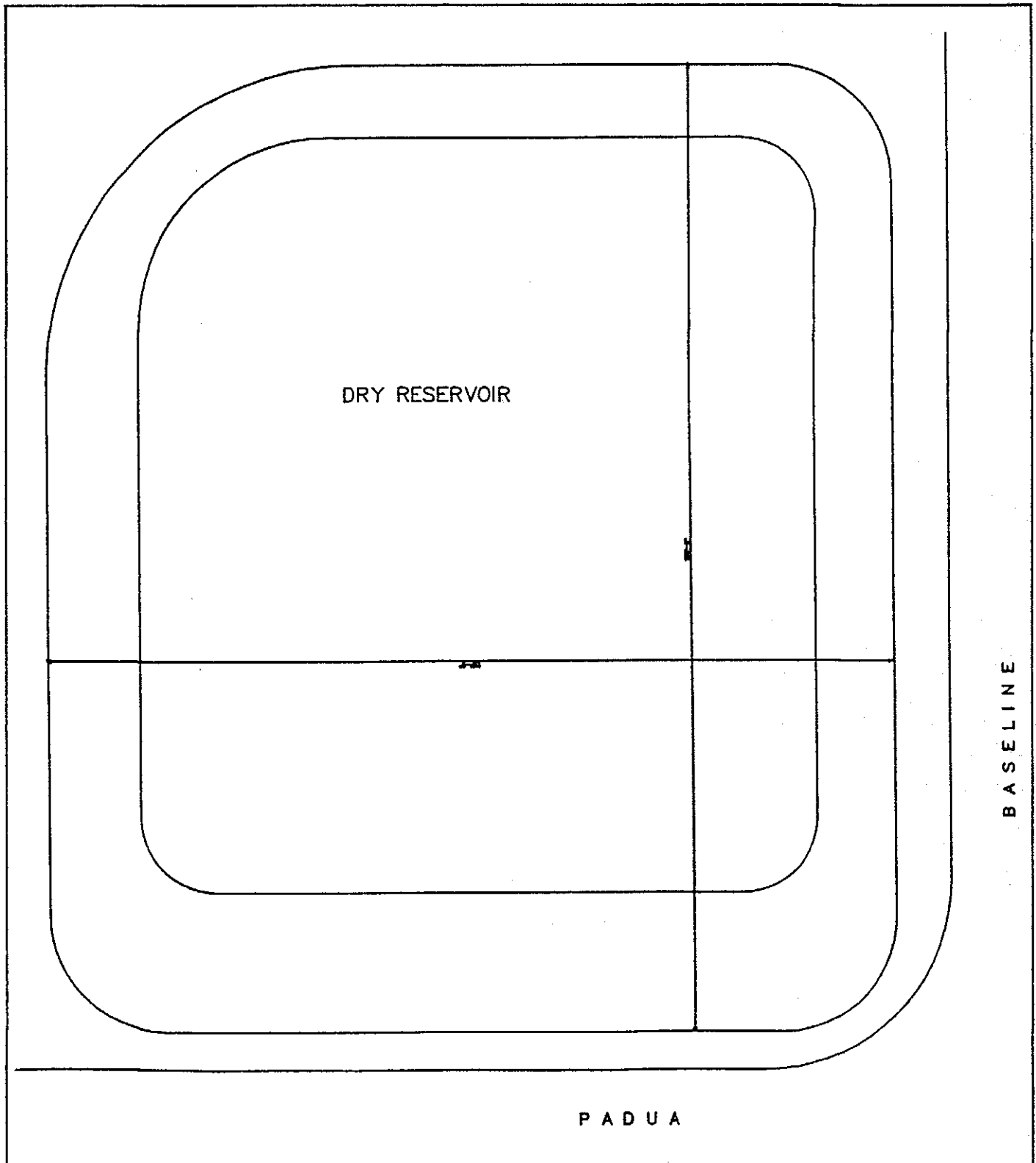
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SIGNIFICANCE

The reservoir is part of the Pitzer Ranch Complex consisting of the main house, pumphouse, shed, stone barn, water tower, and secondary house on Padua Avenue and the Pitzer House, stone garage, and stone wall on Towne Avenue. The Pitzer Ranch Complex is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The original owner of the land and structures was James Becket. Becket owned most of the water rights in the area (The Consolidated Water Company) and orchards throughout the area.

Lee Pitzer married James Becket's daughter on January 1, 1901 and subsequently took ownership of the property and structures of the Pitzer Ranch Complex on Padua Avenue in approximately 1910. Lee Pitzer expanded the development of citrus orchards in the area. Pitzer was the first to grow lemons along Base Line Road. Lee Pitzer was the brother of Russell Pitzer, founder of Pitzer College in Claremont, California.

The Pitzer Reservoir was used to store water from the onsite fieldstone pumphouse. The water was used to irrigate the citrus orchards. Clifford B. Pitzer, son of Lee Pitzer, notes in an oral history review that he used to swim in the reservoir.



Source: Sanchez Talarico Associates, Inc.

PITZER RESERVOIR FLOOR PLAN

PITZER RANCH COMPLEX
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